Church This is Mrs. East from Waterman, IL and its February 9, 1987. We can start from

the top here. I think that'll be okay. First of all, what I need to find out – were

you native to this area? Were you born here or...?

East No, I was born in Mt. Vernon, IL and my folks were of Southern heritage.

Church Did you have a large family? Was it a big family you came from or a small

family?

East There were eight but my baby brother died.

Church That was the eight children?
East I was the third, the oldest girl.

Church The oldest girl? And the smallest?

East And the smallest (laughter).

Church Were you the only one that went into nursing?

East Yes, I was the only one. (inaudible)

Church Did you find that going into nursing was something that your friends were doing,

or was it just something that you just decided...?

East Oh, it was something I wanted to do. Sometimes when you're in a large family

there's not too much money to go around and it didn't seem as though my father had too much to send us all to school. They gave us (inaudible) it was a good

education (inaudible) sometime ago, that's what you hear.

Church Especially in those days.

East But still we worked an eight-hour day, we didn't have (inaudible) well to me that

was my college. I had five mates, one from England, it was a very good

education.

Church Why nursing though? That was the main thing, the way to get onto some higher

education and financially it was a way to do it?

East That was pretty much it. And some of my classmates felt the same way about it.

Our high school here was little, we just had four subjects each year to take - it was math, Latin...well, there just wasn't any of those things. I think the year after

I left there was something...

Church (inaudible)

East Because I didn't have to take any extra examination. Some girls had to do that.

Church How did your family feel about you going into to?

East Oh it was all right.

Church You were the first nurse in the family right? Were there others in the family?

East Oh I think (inaudible)

Church I'm going to have you stop because I think there's something wrong with this. I

asked you about your family and how they felt about your going into nursing. You were saying that didn't mind, it was wasn't seen as something you shouldn't

do, is that correct?

East No. It seemed important.

Church And you had somebody in your family, you said an aunt or something, that was a

nurse at one time?

East A cousin.

Church A cousin. So it wasn't totally unknown. Well then why the Illinois Training

School? Were there other schools you could have gone to?

East Well yes, but our doctor said – why go to a small one when there is a larger one

and there were also two women from this area going there. I admired them very much. It was something that was near and comfortable and it was accessible and I could come home (inaudible) (laughter) which as kind of rare. It's like one of the men who had the (inaudible) Nursing Home years ago – where did you get your training? I said well, at Illinois Training School and Cook County Hospital. He said oh, you were trained by the masters then. It's just one of those things –

Church It had a good reputation, the Illinois Training School?

East Yes.

Church Did you have a chance to talk to those graduates that were here from there before

you went in to get a sense of it?

East Yes, I was quite well acquainted with one of them (inaudible) church talked to me

(inaudible)

Church So it was a good thing all around? Family and school and so forth. Great. When

did you start? Did you start in January, in October, in April?

East No, I started in September of 1924. I think there used to be two or three entrance

periods and then they changed it, I think, to just two. It seems as though my class was the only one of that particular division. Miss Wheeler said – you're only 19, you'll stay here 36 months. And two of the girls stayed just two and a half years but the rest of us stayed three years. And it was a changed at that time to a three-

year school.

Church So when you started it was going to be a three-year school at that point?

East Yes.

Church And was 19 considered young?

East Well they seemed to think I was an infant (laughter).

Church Most of the people going in at that time, did they do other things before they went

into nursing? Or did they go straight from high school, is that what you did?

East I think there were two of my classmates who had gone to college a year, one of

them University of Kansas and (inaudible) and some of them had been out of high

school, if they had gone to larger high schools, they'd worked maybe a year. Maybe they had done something else because I think there was one girl younger than I that came into nurses training at that time, she came from Nebraska. But for the most part I think they were older.

Church So it was mostly unusual to have someone come straight out of high school into

this program, you think, at your point?

East I think so. But that's accepted now.

Church At this point, you went in in 1924 and what were your expectations then that

you'd be there for three years?

East Yes, I knew I'd be there for three years, which I was.

Church How many classmates did you have, do you remember?

East I think there were about 28 or 29 of us, there weren't very many. I have a picture

somewhere but I don't know. We were a small class.

Church So you probably got to know each other pretty well?

East Quite well, yes.

Church And did most everybody finish? Or did you lose people along the way?

East Oh, I think maybe there were four or five who came in that...maybe before the

probationary period.

Church Within the first six months? Is that what it was, about six months?

East Yes.

Church And why would they have left, were they ill, was something wrong, behavior...?

What kinds of problems?

East I can't quite remember. One girl was from the South Side of Chicago and I don't

know why she left. Another girl was from Arkansas and she was gone. One of

my classmates passed away, two of them passed away –

Church Were they ill when they came in, or did they contract something while they were

there?

East One girl had a brain tumor.

Church Oh dear...

East (inaudible) passed away (inaudible) I think we had...no, there was another girl, she was from the Church of the Brethren and there was one girl who came in from

the Church of the Brethren who had already two years and finished up her year. She had gone to Africa as a missionary and came back. This other girl went to Africa when she was done. It seems though some of those girls were fairly dedicated about what they were going to do and what they would make of their life. One was a school board nurse before she came in, for the most part they

were in their early-20s.

Church What was your ambition at the time, what were your expectations after three

years? What did you think you wanted to do when you first got in?

East Well, I had my mind made up before I went in I was going to be married.

Church Oh that was a main thing (laughter). Was it to a doctor you were going to be

married or didn't that count?

East I had a friend here and he was who I was going to marry. I was married before I

went in.

Church And you married him, or did you marry somebody –

East I did.

Church But you weren't supposed to be married before you...that was illegal –

East Oh well, I would have been out right then.

Church So what happened? Did you tell anybody at all? No? Not even your friends?

You just went off and got married one day and then came back to school?

East Yes.

Church And that was a whole year you lived there and he lived here? That's a long time.

East I was married in 1925 and I didn't graduate until 1927, so two years. It worked

out.

Church Did your family know?

East Yes.

Church Now what happened, Miss Wheeler was there when you went in...? And then she

left -

East And then Miss Logan came. She was English. I don't mean English, Canadian –

we had a lot of Canadian girls.

Church Yes.

East And then the school was disbanded and they started their own branch —

Church The Cook County, right. We're going to get into that because that's really what

I'd like to know a lot about. That's one of the things that I'm trying to find some information about. But before we get into that, in terms of your getting married, did you know of any other classmates that had done the same thing? Because you'd be surprised at how many people have told me this now. It sounds like practically all of the people in the later-20s that went in knew they weren't

supposed to get married, got married, and kept it a secret.

East There were two girls that were, both of them were a year ahead of me. And Miss

Logan didn't like it a bit.

Church But she knew?

East Well soon found out, I don't know how...no, that was one of the stipulations.

You led a life that was sort of run like the Army. It just was.

Church

It was considered a calling more than a professional kind of commitment in terms of work or a career.

East

Yes. I did school first aid here for a while, we didn't have any doctors and the school board thought – well maybe they to have somebody look at the first aid and I wasn't certified for public health but I could do that. And a few years ago I met a young man who was a graduate who teaches anatomy to the nurses at Kishwaukee Junior College. He was just amazed to think that I could get through nurses training without going to college. And I looked at him and I said – well, I'm sure we had the same things that you are teaching. I didn't tell him that our whole text was Grey's Anatomy. I don't think they had Grey's Anatomy over at Kish. And there were a few other things that I informed him on, we took the same examinations. And then I finally said – I got into church work and I should have gone to school. It would have been a lot cheaper than doing all that church work. And he said – well I imagine it would have been. Well, it would because well...

Church

It certainly would have been.

East

I'm not unhappy that I didn't work –

Church

So what happened, you graduated in '27 and you came back here, you were

married, you lived here in Waterman?

East

Yes.

Church

...with your husband and you had children and raised a family. So you didn't do any kind of nursing at the time?

East

No.

Church

Did you ever go back into nursing except for this school work that you talked about?

East

I had thought maybe I might eventually but then my son died and I was all through with it then.

Church

Oh, I see.

East

I have two girls and my son would have been 65 this year.

Church

Did he die in childhood?

East

No, he was killed out near the corner (inaudible).

Church

That's very hard, I have two sons and I worry about them all the time. In this day and age especially, people are just killed. I appreciate what you're saying. Before we leave the school, can you tell me what you remember about the school? What kinds of class time didn't you have? Who taught you? Did the doctors teach you? Did the nurses teach you? Describe a typical class day if you can, what was it like?

East

We were up in the morning, we had our breakfast, I think three mornings a week we had chapel, and it was a nice service. Then we went to work (inaudible) they were nice women, I liked them. Some of them could be just kind of (inaudible) –

Church You mean the instructors? Who did you have? Do you remember any of their

names? Did you have Helen Scott Hayes for example, Miss Hayes?

East She was ahead of me. I have contacted some church women who had some of

those older women who were there (inaudible) but really it was a good education and I did like them, I liked schoolwork, I always did. (inaudible) maybe I should (inaudible) all of the things that were going on, I don't think I could do them now.

Church Well it has changed – what do you remember about what you did do as a student?

Did you work in the community at all? Did you go out into the areas of Chicago and work with patients or were you mostly in the hospital working in the ward at

Cook County?

East It was mostly in the wards. I think the last year there seemed to be a little more

kindness. Some of the girls were sent to Infant Welfare, some to the corporate healthcare center and worked from there. I had some work with social services. The Social Service Department was started by the Training School in 1912 so when I went in in 1924 it was fairly new. And Miss (inaudible) was there (inaudible) she went to University of Chicago and got her degree because they had the best social service department. I think there were about eight or 10 women who were in the social service department and it was just a good bit from

the hospital -

Church Now were they nurses? Or were they social workers?

East They were social workers, they were graduates.

Church But as a student nurse you could go and work there as an experience?

East That was part of our training. I think it was six or 12 weeks. These girls were all

social workers.

Church But you think the Training School, the nurses school started the social services –

East Oh yes, they started it in 1912.

Church They did, the nurses started it?

East Yes, the Training School started it.

Church Isn't that interesting?

East Oh you didn't know that?

Church I didn't realize that the nurses did it. I knew there was a Social Services

Department but I didn't know the nurses instigated it.

East Oh yes, it was started in 1912 by the Training School office. Miss Prentiss was

the supervisor.

Church That's good to know, that's very important.

East And these girls said – well, as head nurses that was the category that they were in.

And the dieticians were registered as head nurses something like that, I can't just

remember how it was now but I know that there were dieticians there.

Church

That's interesting because I know that social workers as a professional opportunity didn't really develop until around that time. From the University of Chicago there was a very big move to make that happen. I didn't know that the Illinois Training School actually started the program.

East

Now whether there were classes from other, or any previous classes or instructed or not, I do kind of think so because there was a Mrs. Smith who seemed very, very young, about as young as we did, was the one that taught us and she was at the University of Chicago. But there were even younger women, I'm sure there were eight or 10 of them...

Church

There's another thing in terms of classes that you went to – were there full classes were you had exams and took tests and things like that? And how much of that was run by the nurses, and how much of that was run by others like physicians who would give you practice?

East

The doctors, I'm trying to think, there was one surgeon...I think those classes were surgical nursing. There was one that was (inaudible) but some of those classes we had textbooks for, and some of them we didn't. I can remember when we took those surgical classes, I kept notes.

Church

And those were the ones that the physicians gave?

East

Yes. And I can't remember whether those were Dr. Marks or (inaudible). I know I took notes and some of the girls didn't and they said – well, they didn't have any notes to go on. And I passed those along, they went through two other classes besides mind, I don't know whether they were any good or not.

Church

But you were at least astute enough to know you should take notes.

East

Well, I thought I should! And still sometimes when we were taking notes you miss something.

Church

That's why I do this. If I was sitting here taking notes I wouldn't hear half of what you say. What about when you took those classes and you had some contact with physicians, what about other contact with physicians? Was there any encouragement for the nurses to sit in on grand rounds, or to go to medical meetings or any kind of – what was your contact with the physicians like, generally?

East

Contact on the wards, making the rounds, if (inaudible) didn't use that day you'd work closely with the doctor and did whatever was scheduled. And sometimes you and the doctor had to schedule what you were doing so that you worked it out and kept busy. I remember Dr. Carl Meyerson was – you should know more about your patients than the doctor does, but for heaven's sakes, don't let him know it! Well he says, they're with them and supposed to know –

Church

Sure, nurses are there 24 hours a day. The physicians aren't there that much.

East

And then if we had duty at Ward 4, that was over at Psychiatric Hospital, there was a court that convened and we were the ones that brought the patients in for court. It was a good experience.

Church How much psychiatric nursing did you have?

East I think I just had three months.

Church That's a lot.

East Well, I guess it was. And then there was a psychiatric staff meeting, I believe

once a week. And we could go to that while we were on duty there. And it was very rewarding. Now the court that they held was just like the court they held down at the courthouse. And really I thought it was very good training because I learned court procedure. There were so many things that we learned. I remember my next door neighbor for many years was a legal secretary in Chicago and I would tell her about the things that I had – she said you had far more practical training than I had. She was a graduate from the University of Wisconsin. She got through, she said – I couldn't teach school, I'm scared to death. And she went to business school and then into law. I do think we got a lot of practical

experience.

Church It's my understanding that during this period of time in the '20s they was slowly

but surely a shift from the graduates working in the community to coming in and working in the hospitals, was that correct? Once you graduated – you came back here – but many nurses that didn't do that, what did they do? Did they work in the community? Did they work in welfare? Did they work as public health nurses or

visiting nurses, or did they stay in the hospital and work?

East Some of them stayed in the hospital. I was offered a job in the hospital and I

think all of the nurses were offered a job in the hospital.

Church They were. So by this time they were in the hospitals.

East My classmate who had taught school in Nebraska for four years was given a ward

and some of the girls that had a year of schooling or so had a job opportunity in

public health.

Church When she was given an award does that mean she was given a bonus or –

East No, I mean in the hospital ward.

Church Oh, a ward! (laughter) I thought you said an award.

East She was made head of a ward. Some of them that had had a year or two of

college were given, they would apply for public health and they would get that

job.

Church So there were quite a few staying on in the hospital. About 10 years earlier than

that, mostly the people in the hospitals were students. Then once you graduated you worked outside of the hospital and they kept using students as the workers.

East That's right. I think they told us that a senior student nurse was as effective as a

graduate. It seems to me that was a comparison that they made.

Church She was cheaper –

East That's right, she was cheaper.

Church So it was an economic kind of thing, very interesting. What about socializing

with the physicians? Was there much of that that went on, was that allowed?

East (inaudible) some of the girls married some of the doctors when they were through.

Well, there were always the dances that were held by the nurses and the interns

were invited to those.

Church Oh they were, so there was some socializing...?

East Yes.

Because when I went to training and I went in the '50s, we were not allowed to Church

> socialize with the interns or the residents or the doctors; that was a no-no. Even in the 1950s...that's interesting. But you feel it was okay for them to do that from

your memory?

East I just can't remember (inaudible)

Church Well I have a sense that the Cook County residents and physicians and nurses did

work together quite a bit and seemed to communicate quite a bit from what I

heard from others. Maybe they were social also.

East Now you knew that the School of Nursing at Presbyterian Hospital was started by

an Illinois Training School graduate, Miss McMillan. She was still over there

(inaudible) and the nurses (inaudible)

Church When was that? Do you remember the date?

East She started in 1922.

Church I also understand that the Provident Hospital School of Nursing for black women

was started in like the 1890s with the help of the Illinois Training School.

East I think it was, I think so.

Church That was in the book. Have you seen that book...there is a book, I should have

> brought it with me, that was written after the school closed, and it's the history of the school. Maybe if I can find a copy I'll send one to you if you'd be interested.

I think we can find a copy for you.

East It seems to me that there's a hospital in Peoria, is it Blessed Hospital? Seems to

> me the Illinois Training School or Cook County or something had something to do with that. Now Dr. Fantis from either Normal or Bloomington, I think was the

one that started that blood bank in Chicago.

Church There's a Fantis Clinic, that's correct. Tell me particularly about a memorable

> case you might have had when you were a student, something you really remember. When you think about your student days, what stays in your mind

when you were a student? What good or bad or whatever...

East I was in the recovery ward and I enjoyed that very much. That was the ward

where admissions were bought down from the operating room and stayed there overnight and we took them back to the ward the next morning. You would think that would be more like intensive care now, that was very interesting. When they

really needed you they asked. And I did like the receiving ward, too. That was

receiving and you had emergency surgery there. They had two or three rooms and the doctors.

Church Do you remember any particular patient? I still remember some of the patients I

had from 1950, 1955. I remember some of those patients.

East Well, after three years I just, well I was quite amused sometimes at their

vocabularies. The area in Southern Illinois, I lived there until I was seven years old, they were all English and Scotch and Irish and when we came up here we were exposed to Scandinavians, Germans and so forth, slurring all the things. And I can remember some of the patients in Cook County and one little boy in particular, 13 or 14, or out in Cicero by my sister. Well, they're just, some of those little bits (inaudible) and one summer I went to the County Camp, that was

quite an interesting experience.

Church What was that?

East The Cook County Camp out at Deer Grove, out at Palatine, IL. I don't know

whether I was there six or eight weeks, another student and I, we had the County commissions come out, they were selected...I suppose maybe they applied coming out there, I can't just tell you how they were. But the politicians ran it.

Church What was it for?

East It was for deprived –

Church For children?

East For children. And then we had the heart group, there were always mothers that

came out with babies too. But we had the heart group that came out and we

always had a doctor out there. And that was -

Church So you were like the camp nurse?

East Yes, that's right, there were two of us. It was just a different experience. There

were the cooks that came out from the hospital kitchen for them, there were two women that they just hired as general housekeepers. And two girls and two boys

that were should I say, they were majors in athletics in school.

Church Oh they were coaches?

East Yes, two boys and these two girls –

Church Athletic directors?

East Education majors, that's what they were. That was a nice thing too. Of course

the students were there. And then well you just had all sorts of people.

Church It's a good experience. I was a camp nurse once.

East Were you? Miss Ramus, a 1914 graduate, she'd been in the Navy, ran it. And

there was an operations officer from the juvenile courts. And the boys that come out there were boys who were contracted through work in the juvenile court. That was one of the experiences too. We found out something about that. I hadn't

thought of that for years.

Church Sounds like a good experience.

East It was a good one.

Church What about a negative experience...when you think of your training days as a

student, what stays in your mind that really was negative that you didn't like at all,

that just was not pleasant or not very...you remember it because it wasn't pleasant. What kind of thing might have happened as a student either while you were working or within your experiences with other students or the instructors or

whatever.

East Just offhand I can't say. I'm sure I had my days.

Church Was it pretty strict generally?

East Yes, they were quite strict.

Church You mentioned Miss Mary Wheeler and there's a wonderful grandfather or

> grandmother clock we have in our collection, we have a collection of materials from the Illinois Training School. If you ever come to Chicago you should really come see it. And there's a grandfather or grandmother clock that was dedicated to

Mary Wheeler from the class of '26 or '27...

East Mary Fergus Wheeler.

Church And they all apparently donated money to buy this beautiful clock, it still chimes,

it's wonderful...

East I think I remember the clock.

It's a wonderful clock and we have it and every time it chimes I get goosebumps. Church

It's so beautiful. And apparently she was very loved.

East She was.

Church And she must have left about 1926, you were still a student at that time.

East Yes. Miss Logan came. I think Miss Wheeler was there a year and then Miss

Logan came.

Church Tell me a little bit about the differences between those two people, because people

> that I talk to give me impressions that I'm not sure are correct about both of them. Now obviously Mary Wheeler was very much loved. They really liked her.

Why? Why was she so special?

East I don't know. She was. And Miss Logan was a lovely woman too. I think maybe

it might have been that...well she wasn't one of our graduates and maybe she

shouldn't have been there.

Church Miss Logan?

East Miss Logan, yes. I think she graduated from Mount Sinai in New York City, I

think that's where she was from. That's the only thing I can think of. But she

was a very fair woman and sweet.

Church She unfortunately was there when the school decided to close. So people may

have had feelings about that.

East

That could be. Miss Logan kept trying to get a college or university connection. Miss Wheeler (they said) tried that too, and she would threaten – now this is hearsay – she would threaten the board, hospital board or board of commissioners or whatever they were. She'd just take the training school right away from the hospital if they wouldn't do her wishes. And I know Miss Logan had a little trouble sometimes wanting things, maybe they didn't want to give money for the projects, that could have been it. Dr. Palmer took care of the (inaudible) activities (inaudible). Well, he just felt that maybe they were a little hard on her. I think sometimes that they do tend to short something a little if they can.

Church

Did you get the impression that Laura Logan made the arrangements with the University of Chicago when they finally made those arrangements in 1926? What she the one that did it, or was Mary Wheeler the one that did it?

East

No, I think it was Miss Logan that did it. Now whether this is true or not, maybe it's just a rumor, they made that arrangement with the University of Chicago and someone said that the University of Chicago wasn't interested in the name of Illinois Training School for Nurses because they were going to start their own hospital but they did want the money that was there. And some of the women had sons that were lawyers and they took care of it.

Church

They arranged the transfer? Well we have a copy of the letter that was sent to the students and to everybody announcing publicly in 1926 that the arrangements had been made for the school to phase out because the University of Chicago was going to start their own generic program and they would pick up where the school left off. That was in '26.

East

'26, now I graduated in '27. Yes, I kind of believe that must have been so.

Church

And then the last class was 1929 but then the University of Chicago did not start a generic program. What happened?

East

I don't know.

Church

Nobody seems to know.

East

I don't know. The woman that lived next door to me, this girl who was older, did her doctorate at University of Chicago and she said to me – why Erthel, that's a teaching hospital. And I said – well didn't you know it? You've been in and out there for so long. No, she didn't. I said well, there it is. Now she got a staph infection and like I said to someone, her guts were falling out, she was operated on there and came out there and stayed at the nursing home Shabbona for a while, and then she said to me – I can come home if you will irrigate that twice a day. I was kind of amused at this, and the second day I went over and said oh, I've seen quite a few things. Miss Logan would have skinned us if we let something like that happen, but sometimes those things happen. It was a terrible staph infection, and I was kind of appalled at it, but that's neither here nor there.

Church

Well the curiosity is that everybody knows that the school was phasing out and that this other program was going to start – and yet it never started. And nobody knows what happened except that the year that you graduated, the last class in

1929, no more Illinois Training School. Cook County started their school that same year.

East That's right. That girl that started it was a graduate (inaudible) –

Church Lawler, was it Lawler?

East I can't think of her name.

Church How did you react to this news? How did you and your classmates react? You

must have heard about it, even though you –

East Oh yes we heard about it, lots of them wept and cried. I thought it was kind of

too bad, something that had been going for 50 years and phasing out, but the university just wasn't interested. But still they were interested to have us phase

out. We were just kind of in limbo. We didn't hardly know what...

Church I think that's how it was left for a lot of people. The explanations just aren't there.

East I didn't think it was there –

Church That's one of the reasons I'm asking because it would be nice to find out –

East It would be, but I just don't think there was really any explanation.

Church Did Laura Logan explain anything to the students? Did they have discussions, did

you sit around and talk about it? Do you remember anything?

East I can't remember that anyone ever did. I think it was all taken care of, attorneys

etc.

Church What were the distinctions that you felt existed between the Illinois Training

School nurses and the Cook County nurses? Because they're obviously two

different kinds of schools...

East It should have been a good feeling shouldn't it. I don't see –

Church Well I think there are some distinctions that people like to make between the

difference in education – one was a training school that was a separate

educational institution, and one was a hospital program that was run by people in

the hospital.

East Well yes –

Church But you don't remember any discussion...?

East No...

Church Because that's one of the things that people sort of highlight. Okay. So you don't

sense a difference about that in terms of what was going on?

East I don't think so.

Church Can you give me a little bit more about Laura Logan? Do you have any sense of

her, did she teach any classes that you took? What kinds of things do you

remember about her?

East

Miss Wheeler taught ethics and Miss Logan taught ethics. I remember my ethics (inaudible) Dr. (inaudible) was from Salem, IL and he went to school with some of my husband's cousins and (inaudible) my son-in-law went up to Kansas City two or three years ago for (inaudible) kind of a good guy and I said yes, he was a good guy. I said well, you had the best then. He said — I'm sure I'll be all right. But Logan taught one class, that's all I can remember.

Church

And she lived right there at the school?

East

She lived (45:12 end recording)

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...call me Aunt Laura she said – of course they do. They were all 'aunt so-and-so' then. The students called her Aunt Barret behind her back. We did that with a lot of supervisors behind their back.

Church

Sure, otherwise it was Miss. Well you left in 1927 and there were two classes after. So Logan was there until the end, wasn't she?

East

Yes.

Church

Where did she go after that, do you have any sense of where...?

East

I just don't know. I don't even know how old she was. I never did know how old she was, she was older than me. (inaudible) She was in a unit of the Polish Grays in 1918 in World War I, so she had to be 18 years old.

Church

Is she still alive?

East

Yes, she's still living.

Church

And she's in Racine, WI? If you could give me her name...

East

I have her name and address.

Church

That would be great. Because if we don't find enough people in Illinois we'll go into Wisconsin and Iowa and Michigan. We need to get a good group together. We're trying to get 20-25 people. We almost have 20, but if we don't get a full 20 it would be nice to get people in the bordering states.

East

I think it would be nice to contact (inaudible)

Church

That would be great. Anything you'd like to add? I think we've covered our list of questions...

East

I don't think so.

Church

I'll have a copy of whatever this comes out to be, a typist will type it up, won't make a lot of sense because it's just talking back and forth, but it'll give you a record of whatever it is we said. If I can find an extra copy of that history I will be glad to send it to you, because you should have that. After all, you're a graduate. It was written up by one of your graduates, I can't remember the name of the woman, published after the school closed. At the back of the book is a list of all of the graduates, so your name is there just like everybody else's. And it would be a nice thing for you to have. If I can find an extra copy I'll ship one out to you. Okay? I'll be glad to do that. I'm very pleased that I had a chance to

meet you. What I'm trying to do if I can is document this history of this school, because this school was very important.

East

Seems as though it was.

Church

East

There's just not enough follow-up after that history that was published after 1929 to find out what happened between the Illinois Training School and Cook County and the University of Chicago and what are the differences between the people that graduated from those two programs. Because I think there must have been a shift in terms of the educational programs that were offered. So once I finish with this I'm going to interview the Cook County people and try to find out from them what they recall. So we'll see how it goes. Thank you.

You're very welcome. (3:47 recording ends)